

Pooled funds will not only increase the positive impact of cross-border projects but also add to cost-effectiveness and efficiency for recipients and contributing countries. To best channel contributions from different countries, a special trust fund, the **PATRIP Foundation**, was established. The Foundation enables pooling of funds while at the same time allowing contributing partners to have a say on how these funds should best be used.

Organisational Set-Up of PATRIP Foundation

The management of the Foundation will be responsible for day-to-day administrative tasks, seconded by KfW Development Bank.

The Supervisory Board will be supported by the GFFO and donors who provide equity or a donation for a period of at least 3 years. The Supervisory Board controls the management and is responsible for the strategic policy framework. Further, it has decision-making powers.

At a later point, an Advisory Board supported by further donors and implementing partners can be established.

Financial Set-up of PATRIP Foundation

The Foundation's original capitalisation (endowment) is financed by the GFFO. The endowment's earnings are used to partly cover the Foundation's administrative costs. Donations serve as the source for financing projects and partly cover the Foundation's administrative costs via a management fee. A donor can support PATRIP by providing an endowment or a donation.

Implementation Set-up of PATRIP Foundation

Implementing partners will be mainly international and national non-governmental organisations (NGO) contracted by the Foundation. A participatory approach will be used in the selection and, where possible, implementation of projects. Projects will be cross-border or at least have an impact on the border regions Badakhshan (A), Konar (A), Balochistan (P), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (P), Gorno-Badakhshan (T) or Khatlon (T).

Afghanistan has entered the transition phase where security responsibility will gradually be transferred from the international community to the Afghan Government. While transition will be completed by the end of 2014, continued civilian engagement of the international community will be essential.

PATRIP shows effective ways to facilitate enhanced economic opportunities in Afghanistan's border areas, and has already made significant contributions to forming critical cross-border partnerships and agreements by engaging local and national governing structures.

The PATRIP Foundation as an independent institution is an effective vehicle for pooling resources to Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries Tajikistan and Pakistan, and to ensuring long-term support for the transformation and development of Afghanistan beyond 2014.

Joining the PATRIP initiative allows you to:

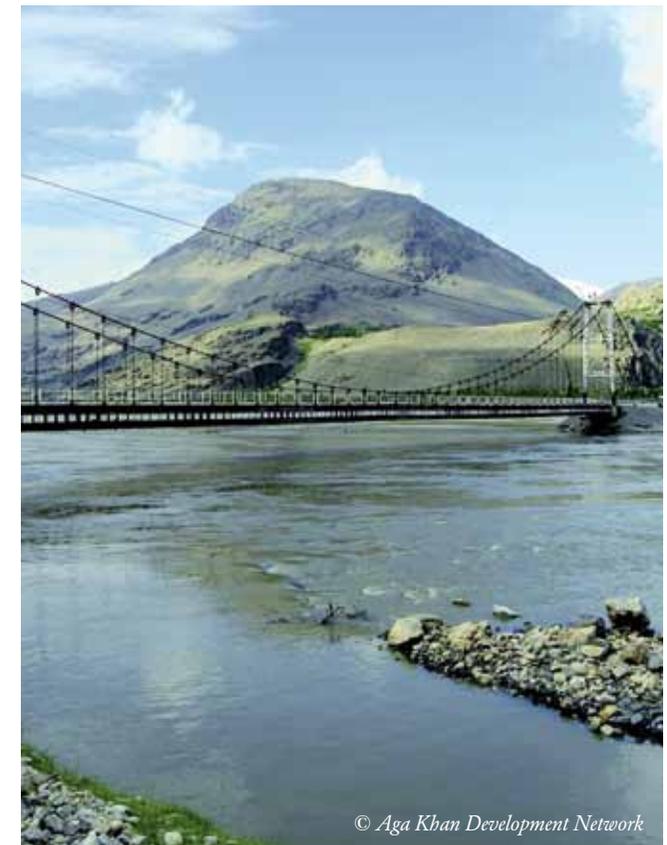
- Support transition, development and stabilisation in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan
- Support isolated and volatile border regions
- Finance projects in remote areas without own set-up being required
- Provide endowment or donations to the Foundation
- Donate once or for several years
- Earmark your donation for a specific region, implementation organisation or project
- Support PATRIP conceptually in form of advice, studies or promotion
- Participate in PATRIP and shape its design

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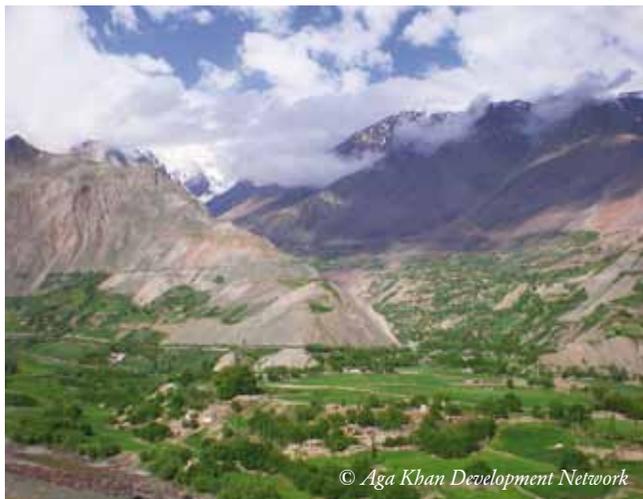
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PAKISTAN – AFGHANISTAN – TAJIKISTAN Regional Integration Programme



The border areas of Afghanistan-Pakistan and Afghanistan-Tajikistan are widely underdeveloped, isolated and insecure. A challenging topography and climate conditions as well as poor infrastructure divide ethnic groups living on both sides of the border, while contributing to the isolation and vulnerability of the local population. Further constraints are the low agricultural productivity, few alternative economic possibilities as well as difficult access to markets and social services.



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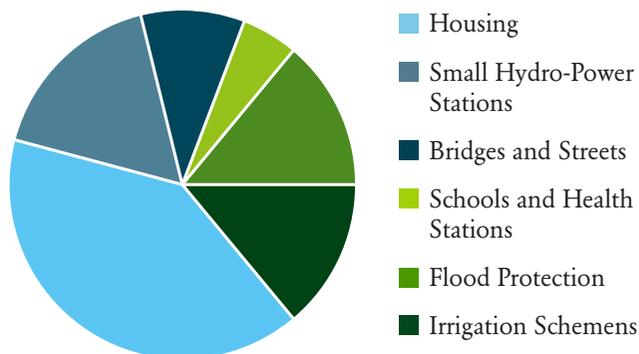
Mountain village in Afghanistan

The **Pakistan-Afghanistan-Tajikistan Regional Integration Programme (PATRIP)**, initiated in 2010 by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) in cooperation with the German state-owned KfW Development Bank, aims to promote economic and social integration and development within the region by encouraging legal cross-border and close-border cooperation and exchange.

Further, the integration of the border areas - Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan - will strengthen local development policies, enhance economic growth, improve the local population's living standards and in the end lead to a stabilisation of the border regions.

Projects conducted within the framework of PATRIP include small to mid-scale social and economic infrastructure measures (on average around EUR 0.5 million) to facilitate cross-border exchange, e.g. bridges and roads. Either local communities, local administrations or non-governmental organisations select the projects to be financed in accordance with national and local development plans. The GFFO and KfW established the PATRIP Foundation which manages the PATRIP funds and decides about the proposals. Selection criteria include a potential positive impact on regional connectivity, cross-border and regional cooperation, social infrastructure, cost-efficiency and/or existence of current programmes. The national and international non-governmental organisations implement the projects. They are deeply rooted in the respective communities and thereby able to operate in sometimes volatile environments, while taking into consideration the contribution of labour by the local population as much as possible. The main partner is the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) from which PATRIP was started. Thus far, **more than 500,000 people in the border areas** benefit from the ongoing projects.

Funds earmarked for the **Afghanistan-Pakistan** border were used primarily for flood relief in areas close to the border to respond to immediate needs:



Distribution of projects in Afghanistan-Pakistan border area

Bridging the Gap – Connecting Afghanistan and Tajikistan

Two project examples

The Khohon District of Afghanistan and the Shurabad District of Khatlon, Tajikistan, have a large potential for cross-border development, especially for farm and agricultural products. But Khohon has no access roads connecting it to either the provincial or national capitals of Afghanistan or Tajikistan. Faizabad is a 3-days walk away.

This leaves the region isolated from large and important markets. In addition, without cross-border bridges, the population of Khohon is also isolated from closer markets in neighboring Khatlon in Tajikistan. The Shurabad bridge will connect both sides and will complete the agreement made between the Afghan and Tajik governments in 2003 to build 5 bridges crossing the Panj river. The foundation stone ceremony was held in October 2011. Once constructed, the Shurabad Bridge will connect more than 47,000 people and enable them to do business and contribute to economic development in the region.

In August 2011, the Vanj Bridge connecting Afghanistan and Tajikistan was opened by the Tajik President. 55,000 people have now access to the corresponding market infrastructure which was financed by PATRIP.



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Vanj Bridge and Cross-Border Market Site